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FUNCTIONING OF AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether AIIMS is not managing diseases like burn cases, dog bite cases and cases of infectious diseases;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof together with the steps taken to manage the above said diseases;

(c) whether the Government is aware that Public Accounts Committee had recommended that the strength of doctors should be suitably fixed to bring down the waiting period of out patients to half an hour at the most;

(d) if so, the reasons for the patients still waiting for longer hours in the OPD ;

(e) whether the waiting time for ultra sound , CT Scan, MRI Scan is long ; and

(f) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to reduce the waiting time?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The AIIMS attend to all type of cases including burn, dog bite and infectious diseases reporting to the OPD and emergency department.

(c) to (f): it is a fact that the rush of patients attending AIIMS is gradually increasing in the last few years. The waiting time in the OPD varies from speciality to speciality and depends upon the time required for detailed workout of each patient. However, number of patients registered in the OPD is always on the basis of availability of doctors, consultant rooms etc. Efforts are made to ensure that maximum numbers of doctors are available in all the general OPDs. In so far as specialized investigations like contrast X-ray, C.T.Scan, Bone Scan, MRI etc., the waiting period varies between one week to three months for OPD patients, as priority is given for patients admitted in the hospital and for emergency patients. The institute is reasonably well equipped within the financial resources available.